A True and Impartial RELATION OF THE INFORMATIONS AGAINST Three Witches,

Viz. TEMPERANCE LLOYD, MARY TREMBLES, and SUSANNA EDWARDS.

Who were Indicted, Arraigned, and Convicted at the Assizes holden for the County of *DEVON* at the Castle of *EXON*, *Aug.* 14. 1682.

WITH

Their several CONFESSIONS, taken before *Thomas Gist* Mayor, and *John Davie* Alderman of *Bradford* in the said County, where they were Inhabitants.

AS ALSO

Their SPEECHES, CONFESSIONS, and BEHAVIOUR, at the time and place of Execution on the Twenty fifth of the said Month.

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Given Before

THE

Grand Committee

OF

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TO THE READER.

Reader,

THis Relation was written by a faithful and able Hand, employed in taking the Examinations and Confessions of Temperance Lloyd, Mary Trembles, and Susanna Edwards, who were Executed the 25th of August 1682. When I have told you, that it is the onely True, Authentick, and Exact Account; and that if any others creep abroad, they are lame and imperfect; I need no other Argument to recommend it to thy Perusal; onely that it is the more remarkable, in regard we have had no Conviction or Execution of any Witches for many years past.

If thou dost not believe the being of Witches, study the Sacred Writ; consider that the Wisdom of Nations have provided Laws against such persons: Read those of King [a] Alfred, and the Canons Editus sub [b] Edgaro Rege. And that it hath been the Judgement of

[a] 19. 30.
[b] 81. 42.

this Kingdom, appears by an Act of Parliament which hath provided Punishments proportionable to the quality of this Offence.

Thou mayst at leisure consult the Learned Monarch King James, *in his* Dæmonologia, *fol. 91. and the late Tryal of* Witches *before the Honourable Judicious Great Man, Judge* Hales. *See also Dr.* More's *learned Discourse, intituled* Saducismus Triumphatus, *where the Subject of* Witches *and* Spirits *is handled at large.*

A True and Impartial Relation OF The CONFESSIONS of Three Witches.

Devon. ss. Biddiford. ss. *The Information of* Dorcas Coleman, *the Wife of* John Coleman *of* Biddiford *aforesaid Marriner, taken upon her Oath before* Thomas Gist *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforesaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. the 26th day of* July, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe said Informant upon her Oath saith, That about the end of the Month of *August*, in the Year of our Lord God 1680. she was taken in tormenting Pains, by pricking in her Arms, Stomach, and

Heart, in ſuch a manner, as ſhe was never taken ſo before.

Upon which, ſhe this Informant did deſire one *Thomas Bremincom* to repair unto Doctor *Beare* for ſome remedy for theſe Pains. And very ſhortly afterwards the ſaid Doctor *Beare* did repair unto this Informant.

And upon view of her Body he did ſay, that it was paſt his skill to eaſe her of her ſaid Pains; for he told her that ſhe was Bewitch'd.

And further ſaith, That at the time of her tormenting Pains, ſhe this Informant did ſee her the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* in her Chamber: And that ſhe this Informant would point with her Finger at what place in the Chamber the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* would ſtand, and where ſhe would go.

And further ſaith, That ſhe hath continued ſo ever ſince, more or leſs every Week.

And ſaith, That when the ſaid *Suſanna* was apprehended concerning *Grace Barnes* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid, that this Informant did go to ſee the ſaid *Suſanna*. And that when the ſaid *Suſanna* was in Priſon, ſhe did confeſs unto this Informant, that ſhe had bewitched her, and done her ſome bodily harm by bewitching of her.

And thereupon ſhe fell down on her Knees, and deſired this Informant to pray for her the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards*.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

The

Devon. ss. Biddiford ss. *The Information of* Thomas Bremincom *of* Biddiford *in the County aforesaid Gent. taken upon his Oath before us*, Thomas Gift *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforesaid, &* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. the* 26 *day of* July, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe said Informant upon his Oath saith, That about two years ago, *Dorcas Coleman* the Wife of *John Coleman* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Marriner, was taken very sick, and in her Sickness this Informant did repair unto one Doctor *Beare* for some Remedy for these Pains. The said Mr. *Beare* being come unto her, and upon view of her Body did say, that it was past his skill to ease her, by reason that she was bewitched.

And further saith, That after that the said Mr. *Beare* had left her, he this Informant did see one *Susanna Edwards* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Widow, to come into her Chamber to visit her the said *Dorcas*.

This Informant further saith, That assoon as the said *Dorcas* did see the said *Susanna Edwards*, she did strive to fly in the face of the said *Susanna*; but was not able to get out of the Chair wherein she sate. This Informant, and *John Coleman* the said *Dorcas*'s Husband,

did ſtrive to help her out of the Chair: Upon which the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* began to go backwards for to go out of the Chamber.

And further ſaith, That when the ſaid *Suſanna* was almoſt gone out of the Chamber, the ſaid *Dorcas* did ſlide out of the Chair upon her Back, and ſo ſtrive to go after the ſaid *Suſanna*. But this Informant and her ſaid Huſband ſeeing her in ſuch a ſad condition, did endeavour to take her up from the Ground, but could not, until that the ſaid *Suſanna* was gone down over the Stairs.

This Informant further ſaith, That at the ſame time of her tormenting Pains, and when ſhe could neither ſee nor ſpeak, by reaſon that her pains were ſo violent upon her, this Informant hath ſeen her, the ſaid *Dorcas*, to point with her Hand which way the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* was gone.

And further ſaith, That immediately after he hath gone out at the Fore-door of the Houſe where the ſaid *Dorcas* doth live, and hath ſeen the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* to go the ſame way that the ſaid *Dorcas* did point with her Hand.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.
John Davie Alderman,

The

Devon. ſſ. *The Information of* John Coleman *of* Biddiford *in the County aforeſaid*
Biddiford ſſ. *Marriner, taken upon his Oath before* Thomas Giſt *Mayor of the Burrough, Town and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforeſaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace within the ſame Burrough, &c. the 26th day of* July, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe ſaid Informant upon his Oath ſaith, That *Dorcas Coleman* his Wife has been a long time ſick in a very ſtrange and unuſual manner; And he hath ſought far and neer for Remedy.

And ſaith, that one Doctor *George Beare* being adviſed with concerning her Sickneſs, in this Deponents abſence, (whilſt he was at Sea) the ſaid Mr. *Beare* hath (as this Informant was told by his ſaid Wife, and his Uncle *Thomas Bremincom*, at his return) ſaid, that it was paſt his skill to preſcribe directions for her Cure, becauſe that the ſaid *Dorcas* was bewitcht.

This Informant further ſaith, That about three Months now laſt paſt, his ſaid Wife was ſitting in a Chair, and being Speechleſs, he this Informant did ſee one *Suſanna Edwards* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Widow, to come into the Chamber under a pretence to viſit her.

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Whereupon this Informants Wife did ſtrive to come at her the ſaid *Suſanna*, but could not get out of the Chair.

Upon which, this Informant and the ſaid *Thomas Bremincom* did endeavour to help her out of the Chair; and the ſaid *Suſanna* did go towards the Chamber-door.

And further ſaith, That when the ſaid *Suſanna* was come at the Chamber-door, ſhe the ſaid *Dorcas* (remaining ſpeechleſs as aforeſaid) did ſlide out of the Chair upon her Back, and ſo ſtrove to come at her the ſaid *Suſanna*; but was not able to riſe from the Ground, until the ſaid *Suſanna* was gone down the Stairs.

And further ſaith, That the ſaid *Dorcas* hath continued in ſuch a ſtrange and unuſual manner of Sickneſs ever ſince unto this day, with ſome intermiſſions.

Thomas Gift Mayor.
John Davie Aldermah.

Examined with the Original whereof this is a true Copy.

John Hill Town-Clerk.

The

Devon. ff. Biddiford ff. *The Information of* Grace Thomas *of* Biddiford *in the County aforesaid Spinster, taken upon her Oath the 3d day of* July, *in the 34th year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord* Charles *the Second, by the Grace of God, of* England, Scotland, France *and* Ireland *King, Defender of the Faith, &c. before us* Thomas Gist *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Manor of* Biddiford *aforesaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c.*

THe said Informant upon her Oath saith, That upon or about the 2d day of *February*, which was in the year of our Lord 1680. this Informant was taken with great Pains in her Head and all her Limbs, which Pains continued on her till neer or upon the first day of *August* then following; and then this Informants Pains began to abate, and this Informant was able to walk abroad to take the Air: But in the Night-season she was in much pain, and not able to take her rest.

This Informant further saith, That upon or about the 30th day of *September* now last past, this Informant was going up the High Street of *Biddiford*, where this In-

Informant met with *Temperance Lloyd* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Widow, and she the said *Temperance* did then and there fall down on her Knees to this Informant, and wept, (saying) Mrs. *Grace*, I am glad to see you so strong again.

Upon which this Informant said, Why dost thou weep for me? Unto which the said *Temperance* replied, I weep for Joy to see you so well again, as the said *Temperance* then pretended.

This Informant further saith, That in that very night she this Informant was taken very ill with sticking and pricking Pains, as though Pins and Awls had been thrust into her Body, from the Crown of her Head to the Soles of her Feet; and this Informant lay as though it had been upon a Rack.

And saith, That these pricking Pains have continued upon her Body ever since; and that her Pains are much worse by night than by day.

This Informant further saith, That on Thursday the first day of *June* last past in the night, she this Informant was bound and seemingly chain'd up, with all her sticking Pains gathered together in her Belly; so that on a sudden her Belly was swoln as big as two Bellies, which caused her to cry out, *I shall die, I shall die*; and in this sad condition this Informant lay as though she had been dead for a long space (which those persons that were in the Chamber with her this Informant did compute to be about two hours).

And this Informant further saith, That on Friday-night last, being the 30th day of *June*, this Informant was again pinch'd and prick'd to the Heart, with such cruel thrusting pains in her Head, Shoulders, Arms, Hands, Thighs, and Legs, as though the Flesh would have been

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then immediately torn from the Bones with a mans Fingers and Thumbs.

And further saith, That she was even pluck'd out over her Bed, and lay in this condition for the space of three hours (as she was informed by some of the said persons then in this Informants Chamber).

This Informant further saith, That upon the first day of this instant *July*, assoon as the aforesaid *Temperance Lloyd* was apprehended and put in the Prison of *Biddiford*, she this Informant immediately felt her pricking and sticking paine to cease and abate.

And saith, That she hath continued so ever since unto this time; but is still in great weakness of Body.

And further saith, That she believeth that the said *Temperance Lloyd* hath been an Instrument of doing much hurt and harm unto her Body, by pricking and tormenting of her in manner as before in this her Information she hath set forth.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ſſ. Biddiford ſſ. *The Information of* Elizabeth Eaſtchurch, *the Wife of* Thomas Eaſtchurch *of* Biddiford *in the County aforeſaid Gent. taken upon her Oath before us* Thomas Giſt *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforeſaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace within the ſame Burrough, &c. the 3d of* July, *in the 34th year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord* Charles *the Second, &c.* Anno Dom. 1682.

THe ſaid Informant upon her Oath ſaith, That upon the 2d day of this inſtant *July*, the ſaid *Grace Thomas*, then lodging in this Informants ſaid Huſbands houſe, and hearing of her to complain of great pricking pains in one of her knees, ſhe this Informant did ſee her ſaid Knee, and obſerved that ſhe had nine places in her Knee which had been prickt; and that every of the ſaid pricks were as though it had been the prick of a Thorn. Whereupon this Informant afterwards, upon the ſame 2d day of *July*, did demand of the ſaid *Temperance Lloyd* whether ſhe had any Wax or Clay in the form of a Picture whereby ſhe had pricked and tormented the ſaid *Grace Thomas*? Unto which the ſaid *Temperance* made anſwer, that ſhe had no Wax nor Clay, but confeſſed that ſhe had only a piece of Leather which ſhe had pricked nine times.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

The

Devon, ſſ. Biddiford ſſ. *The Information of* Anne Wakely, *the Wife of* William Wakely *of* Biddiford *in the County aforeſaid Husbandman, taken the* 3*d day of* July, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe ſaid Informant upon her Oath ſaith, That upon the ſecond day of *July* inſtant, ſhe this Deponent, by order of the ſaid Mr. Mayor, did ſearch the Body of the ſaid *Temperance Lloyd*, in the preſence of *Honor Hooper*, and ſeveral other Women.

And upon ſearch of her ſaid Body, ſhe this Informant did find in her Secret Parts two Teats hanging nigh together like unto a piece of Fleſh that a Child had ſuckt. And that each of the ſaid Teats was about an Inch in length. Upon which this Informant did demand of her the ſaid *Temperance* whether ſhe had been ſuckt at that place by the black Man? (meaning the Devil).

Whereunto the ſaid *Temperance* did acknowledge, that ſhe had been ſuck'd there often times by the black Man; and the laſt time that ſhe was ſuck'd by the ſaid black Man was the Fridy before ſhe was ſearch'd, (which was the 30th day of *June* laſt paſt).

And this Informant further ſaith, That ſhe hath been an attendant of the ſaid *Grace Thomas* about ſix Weeks now laſt paſt: And that on Thurſday now laſt paſt (which was the 29th of *June* laſt paſt) in the Morning, ſhe this Informant did ſee ſomething in the ſhape of a Magpie to come at the Chamber-window where the ſaid

Grace Thomas did lodge. Upon which this Informant did demand of the said *Temperance Lloyd* whether she did know of any Bird to come and flutter at the said Window.

Unto which Question the said *Temperance* did then say, that it was the black Man in the shape of the Bird; and that she the said *Temperance* was at that time down by the said *Thomas Eastchurch's* Door of the House where the said *Grace Thomas* did lodge.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

The like is deposed by *Honor Hooper*, Servant unto the said *Thomas Eastchurch*, as appears by her Information, taken upon her oath the day and year aboveſaid, before the said *Thomas Gist* Mayor, and *John Davie* Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of *Biddiford*.

Thomas Gist Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

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Devon. ss. Biddiford ss. Temperance Lloyd *her Examination, taken the 3d day of* July, *in the 34th year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord* Charles *the Second, by the Grace of God, of* England, Scotland, France *and* Ireland *King, defender of the Faith*, &c. *before us* Thomas Gift *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforesaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough*, &c.

THe said Informant being brought before us by some Constables of the said Burrough, upon the complaint of *Thomas Eastchurch* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Gent. and charged upon suspition of having used some Magical Art, Sorcery, or Witchcraft upon the Body of *Grace Thomas* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Spinster; and to have had Discourse or Familiarity with the Devil in the shape of a black Man: And being demanded how long since she had Discourse or Familiarity with the Devil in the likeness or shape of a black man,

Saith, That about the 30th day of *September* last past she met with the Devil in the shape or likeness of a black Man, about the middle of the Afternoon of that day, in a certain Street or Lane in the Town of *Biddiford* aforesaid, called *Higher Gunstone Lane*: And then and there

there he did tempt and ſollicite her to go with him to the houſe of the ſaid *Thomas Eaſtchurch* to torment the Body of the ſaid *Grace Thomas*; which this Examinant at firſt did refuſe to do: But afterwards, by the temptation and perſwaſion of the Devil in the likeneſs of a black Man as aforeſaid, ſhe did go to the houſe of the ſaid *Thomas Eaſtchurch*, and that ſhe went up the ſtairs after the ſaid black Man; and confeſſeth, that both of them went up into the Chamber where ſhe the ſaid *Grace Thomas* was, and that there they found one *Anne Wakely* the Wife of *William Wakely* of *Biddiford*, rubbing and ſtroaking one of the Arms of the ſaid *Grace Thomas*.

And the ſaid Examinant doth further confeſs, that ſhe did then and there pinch with the Nails of her Fingers the ſaid *Grace Thomas* in her Shoulders, Arms, Thighs and Legs; and that afterwards they came down from the ſaid *Grace Thomas* her Chamber into the Street together; and that there this Examinant did ſee ſomething in the form or ſhape of a Grey or Braget Cat; and ſaith that the ſaid Cat went into the ſaid *Thomas Eaſtchurch's* Shop.

The ſaid Examinant, being further demanded whether ſhe went any more unto the ſaid *Thomas Eaſtchurch's* houſe, ſaith and confeſſeth, that the day following ſhe came again to the ſaid *Thomas Eaſtchurch's* houſe inviſible, and was not ſeen by any perſon; but there this Examinant did meet with the Braget Cat as aforeſaid; and the ſaid Cat did retire and leap back into the ſaid *Thomas Eaſtchurch's* Shop.

The ſaid Examinant, being further demanded when ſhe was at the ſaid *Thomas Eaſtchurch's* houſe the laſt time, ſaith, that ſhe was at the ſaid Mr. *Eaſtchurch's* houſe

house upon Friday the 30th day of *June* last past; and that the Devil in the shape of the said black Man was there with her: And that they went up again into the said Chamber, where she found the said *Grace Thomas* lying in her Bed in a very sad condition. Notwithstanding which, she this Examinant and the said black Man did torment her again: And saith and confesseth, that she this Examinant had almost drawn her out of her Bed, and that on purpose to put her the said *Grace* out of her Life.

And further saith, that the black man (or rather the Devil) did promise this Examinant that no one should discover her.

And further confesseth, that the said black Man (or rather the Devil, as aforesaid) did suck her Teats which she now hath in her Secret Parts: And that she did kneel down to him in the Street, as she was returning to her own house, and after that they had tormented the said *Grace Thomas* in manner as last above mentioned.

Being demanded of what stature the said black Man was, saith, that he was about the length of her Arm: And that his Eyes were very big; and that he hopt or leaptin the way before her, and afterwards did suck her again, as she was lying down; and that his sucking was with a great pain unto her, and afterwards vanish'd clear away out of her sight.

This Examinant doth further confess, That upon the first day of *June* last past, whilst the said Mr. *Eastchurch* and his Wife were absent, that the said Examinant did pinch and prick the said *Grace Thomas* (with the aid and help of the blackman, or rather the Devil) in her Belly, Stomach, and Breast; and that they continued so tormenting of her about the space of two or three hours, with an intent to have killed her.

And

And further ſaith, that at the ſame time ſhe did ſee the ſaid *Anne Wakely* rubbing and chafing of ſeveral parts of the ſaid *Grace Thomas* her Body: Although the ſaid *Anne Wakely*, being preſent at taking of this Examination, doth affirm that ſhe did not ſee the ſaid Examinant.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ſſ. *Whereas the ſaid* Temperance Lloyd *hath made ſuch an ample Confeſſion*
Biddiford ſſ. *and Declaration concerning the ſaid* Grace Thomas, *we the ſaid Mayor and Juſtices were induced to demand of her ſome other Queſtions concerning other Witcheries which ſhe had practiſed upon the Bodies of ſeveral other perſons within this Town*, viz.

SHe the ſaid Examinant did confeſs, that about the 12 day of *March*, which was in the year of our Lord 1670. ſhe was Accuſed, Indicted, and Arraigned, for practiſing of Witchcraft upon the Body of one *William Herbert*, late of *Biddiford* aforeſaid, Huſbandman: And that although at the Trial of her life at the Caſtle of *Exeter*, ſhe was there acquitted by the Judge and Jury then; yet this Examinant doth now confeſs, that ſhe is guilty thereof, by the perſwaſion of the black Man; and that ſhe did prick the ſaid *William Herbert* unto death.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

And

Devon. ss. AND whereas upon or about the 15th
Biddiford ss. of *May*, which was in the year of our Lord 1679. she was accused before the then Mayor and Justices of the Town of *Biddiford* aforesaid, for practising Witchcraft upon the Body of one *Anne Fellow* the Daughter of *Edward Fellow* of *Biddiford* Gent. And although her Body was then searched by four Women of the Town of *Biddiford* aforesaid, and the Proofs then against her not so clear and conspicuous, the said Mr. *Fellow* did not further prosecute against her; yet this Examinant doth now confess that the said black Man or Devil, (or some other black Man or Devil) with her this said Examinant, did do some bodily hurt to the said *Anne Fellow*, and that thereupon the said *Anne Fellow* did shortly die and depart this life.

Thomas Gist Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss. WHereas we, *Thomas Eastchurch* and
Biddiford ss. *Elizabeth Eastchurch* his Wife, *Honor Hooper*, and *Anne Wakely*, upon yesterday, which was the 3d of *July*, 1682. did give in and deliver our several Informations upon our Oaths, before *Thomas Gist* Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Manor of *Biddiford* aforesaid, and *John Davie* Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. of *Biddiford*, against *Temperance Lloyd* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Widow, for using and practising of Witchcraft upon the Body of *Grace Thomas* of the same Town Spinster, as by our several Examinations it doth and may appear.

But because we were dissatisfied in some particulars concerning a piece of Leather which the said *Temperance* had confessed of unto the said *Elizabeth Eastchurch*, in such manner as is mentioned in the said *Elizabeth Eastchurch*'s Examination, and we conceiving that there might be some inchantment used in or about the said Leather: Therefore upon this present 4th day of *July*, we, with the leave and approbation of the said Mr. *Gift* the Mayor, did bring the said *Temperance* into the Parish-Church of *Biddiford* aforesaid, in the presence of Mr. *Michael Ogilby* Rector of the same Parish-Church, and divers other persons, where the said *Temperance* was demanded by the said Mr. *Ogilby* how long since the Devil did tempt her to do evil.

Whereupon she the said *Temperance* did say and confess, that about twelve years ago she was tempted by the Devil to be instrumental to the death of *William Herbert* named in her said Examination.

And that the Devil did promise her that she should live well and do well. And she did then also confess that she was thereupon an Instrument of the death of the said *William Herbert*.

And as to the said *Grace Thomas*, she further said and confessed, that on Friday was Sevennight, (which was the 23th day of *June* last past) she the said *Temperance* came into the said *Thomas Eastchurch*'s Shop in the form and shape of a Cat; And fetcht out of the same Shop a Puppit or Picture, (commonly called a Childs Baby) and that she carried the same up into the Chamber where the said *Grace Thomas* did lodge, and left it about the Bed whereon the said *Grace Thomas* did lie; but would not confess that she had prickt any Pins in the said Puppit or Baby-picture, although she were demanded par-

particularly that Question by the said Mr. *Ogilby*.

Also the said *Temperance* did shew and there confess, that she was the cause of the death of *Anne Fellow*, the Daughter of *Edward Fellow* named in her said Examination.

Also she did then and there confess, that she was the cause of the death of one *Jane Dallyn* the late Wife of *Symon Dallyn* of *Biddiford* Marriner, by pricking of her in one of her Eyes, which she did so secretly perform, that she was never discovered or punished for the same.

Also the said *Temperance Lloyd* did confess and declare, that she did bewitch unto death one *Lydia Burman* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Spinster, because she had been a Witness against her the said *Temperance* at the Trial for her Life and Death at the Assizes when she was Arraigned for the death of the said *William Herbert*, and had deposed that the said *Temperance* had appeared unto her in the shape of a red Pig at such time as the said *Lydia* was brewing in the house of one *Humphry Ackland* of *Biddiford* aforesaid.

Being further demanded again in what part of the house of the said Mr. *Eastchurch*, or in what part of the Bed whereon the said *Grace Thomas* lay, she left the Puppit or Baby-picture above-mentioned, saith, that she would not nor must not discover; for if she did discover the same, that the Devil would tear her in pieces.

And afterwards the said Mr. *Ogilby* desired the said *Temperance* to say the Lords Prayer and her Creed; which she imperfectly performing, the said Mr. *Ogilby* did give her many good Exhortations, and so departed from her.

In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our Hands this 4th day of *July*, in the Four and thirtieth year of

the Reign of our Soveraign Lord *Charles* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland* King, defender of the Faith, *Annoq; Dom.* 1682.

July 4. 1682.
Sworn before us
Thomas Gift Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ſſ. *The Information of* Thomas Eaſtchurch *of* Biddiford *in the County*
Biddiford ß. *aforeſaid Gent. taken upon his Oath before us*, Thomas Giſt *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforeſaid, &* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace within the ſame Burrough*, &c. *the* 3*d day of* July, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe ſaid Informant upon his Oath ſaith, That upon yeſterday, which was the ſecond day of *July*, he did hear the ſaid *Temperance Lloyd* to ſay and confeſs, that about the 30th day of *September* laſt paſt, as ſhe was returning from the Bakehouſe with a Loaf of Bread under her Arm, towards her own Houſe, ſhe the ſaid *Temperance Lloyd* did meet with ſomething in the like-

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neſs of a black Man, in a Street called *Higher Gunſtone-Lane* within this Town, and then and there the ſaid black man did tempt and perſwade her to go to this Informant's houſe to torment one *Grace Thomas*, who is this Informant's Siſter-in law.

That the ſaid *Temperance* did firſt refuſe the Temptation, ſaying that the ſaid *Grace Thomas* had done her no harm. But afterwards, by the further perſwaſion and temptation of the ſaid black Man, ſhe did go to this Informant's houſe; and that ſhe went up the Stairs after the black Man: And confeſſed that both of them went into the Chamber where this Informant's ſaid Siſter-in-law was, and that there they found one *Anne Wakely*, the Wife of *William Wakely* of *Biddiford*, rubbing of one of the Arms and one of the Legs of the ſaid *Grace Thomas*.

And this Informant further ſaith, That the ſaid *Temperance* did alſo confeſs, that the black Man did perſwade the ſaid *Temperance* to pinch the ſaid *Grace Thomas* in the Knees, Arms, and Shoulders; intimating with her Fingers how ſhe did it. And that when ſhe came down the Stairs again into the Street, ſhe ſaw a Braget Cat go into this Informant's Shop; and that ſhe believed it to be the Devil.

And this Informant did hear the ſaid *Temperance* to ſay and confeſs, that on Friday-night laſt (which was the 30th day of *June*) the black Man did meet with her neer her own Door, about ten of the clock of that ſame night, and there did again tempt her to go to this Informant's houſe, and to make an end of the ſaid *Grace Thomas*.

Whereupon the ſaid *Temperance* did go to this Informant's houſe with the ſaid black Man, and that ſhe went into the Chamber where the ſaid *Grace Thomas* lay.

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And further did confeſs, that ſhe did pinch and prick the ſaid *Grace Thomas* again in ſeveral parts of her Body, (declaring with both of her Hands dow ſhe did do it). And that thereupon the ſaid *Grace Thomas* did cry out terribly. And confeſſed that the ſaid black man told her that ſhe ſhould make an end of her the ſaid *Grace Thomas*.

And further ſhe the ſaid *Temperance* did ſay and confeſs, that the ſaid black Man did promiſe her the ſaid *Temperance* that no one ſhould diſcover her or ſee her.

And ſhe alſo confeſſed, that about twelve of the clock of that ſame night the black Man did ſuck her in the Street in her Secret parts, ſhe kneeling down to him. That he had blackiſh Clothes, and was about the length of her Arm. That he had broad Eyes, and a Mouth like a Toad, and afterwards vaniſht clear away out of her ſight.

This Informant further ſaith, That he heard the ſaid *Temperance* to confeſs, that about the firſt day of *June* laſt paſt the ſaid black Man was with her again, and told her, that on that night ſhe the ſaid *Temperance* ſhould make an end of the ſaid *Grace Thomas*; and confeſſed that ſhe the ſaid *Temperance* had that night griped the ſaid *Grace Thomas* in her Belly, Stomach, and Breaſt, and clipt her to the Heart.

And that the ſaid *Grace Thomas* did cry out pitifully. And that the ſaid *Temperance* was about the ſpace of two hours tormenting of her. And that one *Anne Wakely* (with ſeveral other Women) were then preſent in the Chamber, but could not ſee her the ſaid *Temperance*; and that the black Man ſtood by her in the ſame Room alſo.

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This Informant further saith, That he supposed that the said *Grace Thomas* in her Sickness had been afflicted thorough a Distemper arising from a natural cause, did repair unto several Physicians, but that she the said *Grace* could never receive any benefit prescribed by them.

Thomas Gist Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ss. Biddiford ss. *The Information of* William Herbert *of* Biddiford *in the County aforesad Black-smith, taken upon his Oath the* 12*th day of* August, *in the* 34*th year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord* Charles *the Second, by the Grace of God, of* England, Scotland, France *and* Ireland *King, Defender of the Faith,* &c. *before* Thomas Gist *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Manner of* Biddiford *aforesaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough,* &c.

THis Informant upon his Oath saith, That neer or upon the 2d day of *February*, which was in the year of our Lord God 1670. he did hear his Father *William Herbert* to declare on his Death-bed, that *Temperance*

rance Lloyd of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Widow had bewitched his ſaid Father unto death.

This Informant's Father further declaring unto this Informant, that he, with the reſt of his Relations, ſhould view his Father's Body after his Deceaſe; and that by his Body they ſhould ſee what Prints and Marks the aforeſaid *Temperance Lloyd* had made upon his Body. And further ſaith, that his ſaid Father did lay his bloud to the charge of the ſaid *Temperance Lloyd*, and deſired this Informant to ſee her aprehended for the ſame; which was accordingly done: And ſaith, that ſhe was accuſed for the ſame, but that ſhe was then acquitted at the Aſſizes.

This Informant further ſaith, That upon the fourth day of *July* now laſt paſt, he went to the Priſon of *Biddiford*, where the ſaid *Temperance* was, (ſhe being then in the ſaid Priſon concerning Mrs. *Grace Thomas*) and demanded of her whether ſhe had done any bodily harm or hurt unto the ſaid *William Herbert* deceaſed, this Informant's late Father; unto which ſhe anſwered and ſaid, Surely *William* I did kill thy Father.

This Informant did demand of her further, whether ſhe had done any hurt or harm to one *Lydia Burman* late of *Biddiford* Spinſter. Unto which the ſaid *Temperance Lloyd* anſwered and ſaid, that ſhe was the cauſe of her death.

This Informant demanded of her the ſaid *Temperance*, why ſhe had not confeſſed ſo much when ſhe was in Priſon laſt time? She anſwered, that her time was not expired; For the Devil had given her greater power, and a longer time.

And this Informant did hear the ſaid *Temperance Lloyd* to confeſs, that ſhe was the cauſe of the death of

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Anne Fellow the Daughter of *Edward Fellow* of *Biddiford* Gent. And also that she the said *Temperance* was the cause of the bewitching out of one of the Eyes of *Jane* the Wife of one *Simon Dallyn* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Marriner.

Thomas Gift Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

Examined with the Original whereof this is a true Copy.

John Hill Town-Clerk.

Devon. ſſ. *The Information of* John Barnes *of* Biddiford *in the County aforesaid*
Biddiford ſſ. *Yeoman, taken upon his Oath before us* Thomas Gift *Mayor of the Burrough, Town and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforesaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough*, &c. *the* 18*th day of* July, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe said Informant upon his Oath saith, That upon *Easter*-Tuesday, (which was the 18th day of *May* last past) this Informant's Wife was taken with very great pains of sticking and pricking in her Arms,

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Stomach, and Breaſt, as though ſhe had been ſtabbed with Awls, being ſo deſcribed unto him by the ſaid *Grace*, in ſuch manner, as this Informant thought that ſhe would have died immediately; and in ſuch ſad condition ſhe the ſaid *Grace* hath continued unto this preſent day, in tormenting and grievous pains.

And further ſaith, that upon Sunday laſt, which was the 16th day of *July* inſtant, about ten of the Glock in Forenoon, this Informant's ſaid Wife was again taken worſe than before, inſomuch as Four Men and Women could hardly hold her.

And at that ſame time, one *Agnes Whiteſield*, the Wife of *John Whiteſield* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Cordwainer, being in this Informant's Houſe, and hearing ſomebody out at the Door, ſhe did open the Door, where ſhe found one *Mary Trembles* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Single woman, ſtanding with a White-pot in her hands, as though ſhe had been going to the common Bakehouſe. And thereupon this Informant's Wife did ask of the ſaid *Agnes Whiteſield* who it was that was at the door? Unto which the ſaid *Agnes Whiteſield* anſwered and ſaid, that it was *Mary Trembles*. Then this Informant's Wife did reply and ſaid, that ſhe the ſaid *Mary Trembles* was one of them that did torment her, and that ſhe was come now to put her the ſaid *Grace* out of her Life.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

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Devon. ſſ. Biddiford. ſſ. *The Information of* Grace Barnes, *the Wife of* John Barnes *of* Biddiford *in the County aforeſaid Yeoman, taken upon her Oath before* Thomas Gift *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforeſaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace within the ſame Burrough, &c. the 2d day of* Auguſt, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe ſaid Informant upon her Oath ſaith, That ſhe hath been very much pain'd and tormented in her Body theſe many years laſt paſt, inſomuch that ſhe hath ſought out for Remedy far and neer, and never had any ſuſpition that ſhe had had any Magical Art or Witchcraft uſed upon her Body, until it was about a year and a half ago, that ſhe was informed by ſome Phyſicians that it was ſo.

And further ſaith, That thereupon ſhe this Informant had ſome ſuſpition of one *Suſanna Edwards* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Widow, becauſe that ſhe the ſaid *Suſanna* would oftentimes repair unto this Informants Huſband's houſe upon frivolous or no occaſions at all.

And further ſaith, That about the middle of the month of *May* laſt paſt, ſhe was taken with very great pains of ſticking and pricking in her Arms, Breaſt, and

Heart, as though divers Awls had been pricked or ſtuck into her Body, and was in great tormenting pain for many days and nights together, with a very little intermiſſion.

And ſaith, That upon Sunday the 16th day of *July* laſt, ſhe was taken in a very grievous and tormenting manner; at which inſtant of time one *Agnes Whiteſield*, the Wife of *John Whiteſield* of *Biddiford*, was in this Informants Huſband's houſe, who opening the Door, and looking out, found one *Mary Trembles* of *Biddiford* Single woman, ſtanding before the Door. And thereupon this Informant did ask of the ſaid *Agnes Whiteſield* who it was that ſtood at the Door; who anſwered, that it was the ſaid *Mary Trembles*. Upon which this Informant was fully aſſured, that the ſaid *Mary Trembles*, together with the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards*, were the very perſons that had tormented her, by uſing ſome Magical Art or Witchcraft upon her ſaid Body as aforeſaid.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.

John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ſſ. Biddiford ſſ. *The Information of* William Edwards *of* Biddiford *in the County aforeſaid Black-ſmith, taken upon his Oath before us* Thomas Giſt *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforeſaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace within the ſame Burrough, &c. the 18th day of* July, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe ſaid Informant upon his Oath ſaith, That upon the 17th day of *July* inſtant this Informant did hear *Suſanna Edwards* to confeſs, that the Devil had carnal knowledge of her Body; and that he had ſuckt her in her Breaſt and in her Secret parts.

And further ſaith, that he did hear her the ſaid *Suſanna* to ſay, that ſhe and one *Mary Trembles* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Single woman, did appear hand in hand inviſible in *John Barnes*'s houſe of *Biddiford* aforeſaid, where *Grace* the Wife of the ſaid *John Barnes* did lie in a very ſad condition.

And further ſaith, That he did then alſo hear the ſaid *Suſanna* to ſay, that ſhe and the ſaid *Mary Trembles* were at that time come to make an end of her the ſaid *Grace Barnes*.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

The

Devon. ſſ. Biddiford ſſ. *The Information of* Joane Jones, *the Wife of* Anthony Jones *of* Biddiford *in the County aforeſaid Husbandman, taken upon her Oath before us* Thomas Giſt *Mayor, and* John Davie *Alderman, the* 18*th day of* July, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe ſaid Informant upon her Oath ſaith, That upon the 18th day of *July* inſtant, ſhe this Informant being preſent with *Suſanna Edwards* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Widow, there came in to ſee the ſaid *Suſanna* one *John Dunning* of *Great Torrington*, which ſaid *John Dunning* this Informant did hear him to demand of the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* how and by what means ſhe became a Witch.

Unto which queſtion the ſaid *Suſanna* did anſwer, that ſhe did never confeſs afore now, but now ſhe would.

And further ſaith, that ſhe did hear the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* to confeſs unto the ſaid *John Dunning*, that ſhe was on a time out gathering of Wood, at which time the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* did ſee a Gentleman to draw nigh unto her; whereupon ſhe was in good hopes to have a piece of Mony of him.

This Informant further ſaith, that the ſaid *John Dunning* did demand of her the ſaid *Suſanna*, where ſhe did meet with the ſaid Gentleman; ſhe the ſaid *Suſanna* did anſwer, that it was in *Parſonage Cloſe*. And further ſaith, that after the ſaid *John Dunning* was gone, this Informant

formant did hear the said *Susanna Edwards* to confess, that on Sunday the 16th of *July* instant, she with *Mary Trembles*, and by the help of the Devil, did prick and torment *Grace* the Wife of *John Barnes* of *Biddiford* aforesaid.

And this Informant further saith, That she did hear the said *Susanna Edwards* and *Mary Trembles* to say and confess, that they did this present day, being the 18th of *July* instant, torment and prick her the said *Grace Barnes* again.

And further saith, That she did hear the said *Mary Trembles* to say unto the said *Susanna Edwards*; O thou Rogue, I will now confess all: For 'tis thou that hast made me to be a Witch, and thou art one thy self, and my Conscience must swear it.

Unto which the said *Susanna* replied unto the said *Mary Trembles*, I did not think that thou wouldest have been such a Rogue to discover it.

And further saith, That the said *Susanna Edwards* did say and confess, that the Devil did oftentimes carry about her Spirit.

And further saith, That she did hear the said *Susanna* to say and further confess, that she did prick and torment one *Dorcas Coleman* the Wife of *John Coleman* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Marriner.

And further saith, That she did hear the said *Susanna Edwards* to confess, that she was suckt in her Breast several times by the Devil in the shape of a Boy lying by her in her Bed; and that it was very cold unto her. And further saith, that after she was suckt by him, the said Boy or Devil had the carnal knowledge of her Body Four several times.

And this Informant further saith, That her Husband

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Anthony Jones, obſerving her the ſaid *Suſanna* to gripe and twinkle her Hands upon her own Body, ſaid unto her, Thou Devil, thou art now tormenting ſome perſon or other. Whereupon the ſaid *Suſanna* was diſpleaſed with him, and ſaid, *Well enough, I will fit thee:* And at that preſent time the ſaid *Grace Barnes* was in great pain with prickings and ſtabbings unto her Heart, as ſhe did afterwards affirm.

This Informant further ſaith, That one of the Conſtables and her ſaid Huſband, with ſome others, were ſent by Mr. Mayor to bring the ſaid *Grace Barnes* unto the Town-hall of *Biddiford* aforeſaid; which they did accordingly do: and immediately, aſſoon as he with others had led and with much ado brought the ſaid *Grace Barnes* into the Town-hall, ſhe the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* turned about and looked upon her ſaid Huſband, and forthwith this Informants ſaid Huſband was taken in a very ſaid condition as he was leading and ſupporting the ſaid *Grace Barnes* up the Stairs of the ſaid Town-hall before the Mayor and Juſtices; inſomuch that he cried out, *Wife, I am now bewitched by this Devil*, meaning *Suſanna Edwards*; and forthwith leapt and capered like a Madman, and fell a ſhaking, quivering, and foaming, and lay for the ſpace of half an hour like a dying or dead man. And at length, coming to his Senſes again, her ſaid Huſband did declare unto this Informant, that the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* had bewitched him.

And this Informant further ſaith, that ſhe did never know her ſaid Huſband *Anthony Jones* to be taken in any Fits or Convulſions, but a perſon of a ſound and healthy Body ever ſince he had been this Informants Huſband.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

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Devon. ss. *The Information of* Anthony Jones *of* Biddiford *in the County aforesaid* Biddiford ss. *Husbandman, taken upon his Oath before us* Thomas Gist *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforesaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majesties Justices of the Peace within the same Burrough, &c. the 19th day of* July, Anno Dom. 1682.

THe said Informant upon his Oath saith, that yesterday whilst the said *Susanna Edwards* was in the Town-hall of *Biddiford* concerning the said *Grace Barnes*, he did observe the said *Susanna* to gripe and twinkle her Hands upon her own Body, in an unusual manner: whereupon this Informant did say unto her, Thou Devil, thou art now tormenting some person or other. Whereupon the said *Susanna* was displeased with this Informant, and said, *Well enough, I will fit thee.* And at that present time the said *Grace Barnes* was in great pains with prickings and stabbings unto her Heart, as the said *Grace* did afterwards affirm.

This Informant further saith, That one of the Constables & he, with some others, being sent by the order of Mr. Mayor to bring the said *Grace* unto the Town-hall of *Biddiford* aforesaid; immediately, assoon as they had brought the said *Grace* unto the Town-hall, she the said *Susanna* turned about and looked upon this Informant, and forthwith

with this Informant was taken in a very ſaid condition as he was coming up the Stairs of the ſaid Town-hall before the Mayor and Juſtices; inſomuch that he cried out, *Wife, I am now bewitched by this Devil* Suſanna Edwards.

Thomas Giſt Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

Devon. ſſ. *The Examination of* Mary Trembles *of* Biddiford *in the County aforeſaid Single woman, taken before* Thomas Giſt Biddiford ſſ. *Mayor of the Burrough, Town, and Mannor of* Biddiford *aforeſaid, and* John Davie *Alderman, two of his Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace within the ſame Burrough, &c. the* 18 *day of July,* Anno Dom. 1682.

THe ſaid Examinant being brought before us, and accuſed for practiſing of Witchcraft upon the Body of *Grace Barnes* the Wife of *John Barnes* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Yeoman, was demanded by us how long ſhe had practiſed Witchcraft, ſaid and confeſſed, That about three years laſt paſt, one *Suſanna Edwards* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Widow, did inform her, that if ſhe would do as ſhe the ſaid *Suſanna* did, that this Examinant ſhould do very well. Whereupon this Examinant did yield unto the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards*, and ſaid that ſhe would do as the ſaid *Suſanna* did.

And this Examinant further confeſſeth, that the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* did promiſe that ſhe this Examinant ſhould neither want for Money, Meat, Drink, nor Clothes.

And further confeſſeth, That after that ſhe had made this Bargain with the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards*, that the Devil in the ſhape of a Lyon (as ſhe conceived) did come to this Examinant, and lay with her, and had carnal knowledge of her Body. And that after the Devil had had knowledge of her Body, that he did ſuck her in her Secret parts, and that his ſucking was ſo hard, which cauſed her to cry out for the pain thereof.

And further confeſſeth, That on Tueſday in *Eaſter*-week, which was the 18th day of *May* laſt paſt, ſhe this Examinant did go about the

the Town of *Biddiford* to beg ſome Bread, and in her walk ſhe did meet with the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards*, who asked of this Examinant where ſhe had been. Unto whom this Examinant anſwered, That ſhe had been about the Town, and had begged ſome Meat, but could get none. Whereupon this Examinant, together with the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards*, did go to the ſaid *John Barnes*'s houſe, in hope that there they ſhould have ſome Meat. But the ſaid *John Barnes* not being within his houſe, they could get no Meat or Bread, being denied by the ſaid *Grace Barnes* and her Servant, who would not give them any Meat. Whereupon the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* and this Informant went away from the ſaid *John Barnes* his houſe. And afterwards on the ſame day the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards* did bid this Examinant to go to the ſaid *John Barnes* his houſe again for a Farthings worth of Tobacco. Whereupon this ſaid Examinant did go, but could not have any; whereof this Examinant did acquaint the ſaid *Suſanna Edwards*, who then ſaid that it ſhould be better for her the ſaid *Grace* if that ſhe had let this ſaid Examinant to have had ſome Tobacco.

And further confeſſeth, That on the 16 day of this inſtant month of *July*, ſhe this Examinant, with the ſaid *Suſanna*, did go to the ſaid *John Barnes* his houſe in *Biddiford* aforeſaid, and went at the Fore-door inviſibly into the Room, where they did pinch and prick the ſaid *Grace Barnes* almoſt unto death; and that ſhe ſaw the ſaid *John Barnes* in bed with his Wife on the inner-ſide of the Bed.

The ſaid Examinant being further demanded how many times the Devil had had the carnal knowledge of her Body beſides the time above-mentioned; She ſaith and confeſſeth, That the Devil hath had the carnal knowledge of her Body three other times; and that the laſt of the ſaid three times, was upon the ſaid 16th day of *July* as ſhe was going towards the common Bakehouſe. And that at that time ſhe, with the help of the Devil, would have killed the ſaid *Grace Barnes*, if that ſhe the ſaid Examinant had not ſpilt ſome of the Meat ſhe was then carrying unto the ſaid Bakehouſe.

Thomas Gift Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

Devon: ſſ. *The Examination of* Suſanna Edwards *of* Biddiford *aforeſaid in the County aforeſaid Widow, taken the* 10th *day* Biddiford ſſ. *of* July, *Anno Dom.* 1682.

THe ſaid Examinant being brought before us, and accuſed for practiſing of Witchcraft upon the Body of *Grace Barnes*, the Wife of *John Barnes* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid Yeoman, was demanded by us how long ſince ſhe had Diſcourſe or Familiarity with the Devil; ſaith, That about two years ago ſhe did meet with a Gentleman in a Field called the *Parſonage Cloſe* in the Town of *Biddiford*. And ſaith that his Apparel was all of black. Upon which ſhe did hope to have a pice of Money of him. Whereupon the Gentleman drawing near unto this Examinant, ſhe did make a Curchy or Courteſie unto him, as ſhe did uſe ſo to do to Gentlemen.

Being demanded what and who the Gentleman ſhe ſpake of was, the ſaid Examinant anſwered and ſaid, that it was the Devil.

And confeſſeth, that the Devil did ask of her whether ſhe was a Poor woman? unto whom ſhe anſwered, that ſhe was a Poor woman; and that thereupon the Devil in the ſhape of the Gentleman did ſay unto her, that if this Examinant would grant him one requeſt, that ſhe ſhould neither want for Meat, Drink, nor Clothes: Whereupon this Examinant did ſay unto the ſaid Gentleman, (or rather the Devil) In the Name of God, what is it that I ſhall have? Upon which the ſaid Gentleman vaniſhed clear away from her.

And further confeſſeth, That afterwards there was ſomething in the ſhape of a little Boy, which ſhe thinks to be the Devil, came into her houſe and did lie with her, and that he did ſuck her at her breaſt.

And confeſſeth, that ſhe did afterwards meet him in a place called *Stambridge-lane* in this Pariſh of *Biddiford*, leading towards *Abbotiſham* (which is the next Pariſh on the weſt of *Biddiford* aforeſaid) where he did ſuck bloud out of her breaſt.

And further confeſſeth, That on Sunday, which was the 16th day of *July* inſtant, ſhe this Examinant, together with *Mary Trembles* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid, Single woman, did go unto the houſe of *John Barnes* of *Biddiford* aforeſaid, Yeoman, and that no body did

did see them; and that they were in the same room where *Grace* the Wife of the said *John Barnes* was, and that there they did prick and pinch the said *Grace Barnes* with their fingers, & put her to great pain and torment, insomuch that the said *Grace Barnes* was almost dead.

And confesseth, that this present day she this Examinant did prick and torment the said *Grace Barnes* again, (intimating with her Fingers how she did it). And also confesseth, that the Devil did intice her to make an end of her the said *Grace Barnes*; and that he told her that he would come again to her once more before she should go out of Town. And confesseth, that she can go unto any place invisible, and yet her Body shall be lying in her Bed. And further confesseth, that the Devil hath appeared unto her in the shape of a Lyon, as she supposed.

Being demanded whether she had done any bodily hurt unto any other person besides the said *Grace Barnes*, saith and confesseth, that she did prick and torment one *Dorcas Coleman*, the Wife of *John Coleman* of *Biddiford* aforesaid Marriner. And saith, that she gave her self to the Devil when she did meet with him in *Stambridge-Lane*, as aforesaid. And saith, that the said *Mary Trembles* was a Servant unto her this Examinant, in like manner as she this Examinant was a Servant unto the Devil (whom she called by the Appellation of a Gentleman as aforesaid.)

Thomas Gift Mayor.
John Davie Alderman.

Examined with the Original, whereof this is a true Copy.
John Hill Town-Clerk.

The Substance of the Last words and Confessions of *Susanna Edwards*, *Temperance Lloyd*, and *Mary Trembles*, at the time and place of their Execution; as fully as could be taken in a Case liable to so much noise and confusion, as is usual on such Occasions.

Mr. *H.* *Mary Trembles*, What have you to say as to the Crime you are now to die for?

Mary. I have spoke as much as I can speak already, and can speak no more.

H. In what shape did the Devil come to you?

Mary. The Devil came to me once, I think, like a Lyon.

H. Did he offer any violence to you?

Mary.

Mary. No, not at all, but did frighten me, and did nothing to me: And I cried to God, and asked what he would have, and he vanished.

H. Did he give thee any Gift, or didst thou make him any Promise? *Mary.* No.

H. Had he any of thy bloud? *Mary.* No.

H. Did he come to make use of thy Body in a carnal manner?

Mary. Never in my life.

H. Have you a Teat in your Privy-parts?

Mary. None. *The Grand Inquest said it was sworn to them.*

H. Mary Trembles, Was not the Devil there with *Susan* when I was once in the Prison with you, and under her Coats? the other told me that he was there, but is now fled; and that the Devil was in the way when I was going to *Taunton* with my Son who is a Minister. Thou speakest now as a dying Woman, and as the Psalmist says, *I will confess my iniquities and acknowledge all my sin.* We find that *Mary Magdalen* had seven Devils, and she came to Christ and obtained Mercy: And if thou break thy League with the Devil, and make a Covenant with God, thou mayst also obtain Mercy. If thou hast any thing to speak, speak thy mind.

Mary. I have spoke the very truth, and can speak no more: Mr. *H.* I would desire they may come by me, and Confess as I have done.

H. Temperance Lloyd, Have you made any Contract with the Devil? *Temp.* No.

H. Did he ever take any of thy bloud? *Temp.* No.

H. How did he appear to thee first, or where in the street? in what shape? *Temp.* In a woful shape.

H. Had he ever any carnal knowledge of thee? *Temp.* No, never.

H. What did he do when he came to thee?

Temp. He caused me to go and do harm.

H. And did you go?

Temp. I did hurt a Woman sore against my Conscience: he carried me up to her door, which was open: The Womans name was Mrs. *Grace Thomas.*

H. What caused you to do her harm? what malice had you against her? did she do you any harm?

Temp. No, she never did me any harm: but the Devil beat me about the Head grievously because I would not kill her: but I did bruise her after this fashion [*laying her two Hands to her Sides.*]

H. Did you bruise her till the bloud came out of her Mouth and Nose? *Temp.* No. *H.*

H. How many did you destroy and hurt? *Temp.* None but the

H. Did you know any Marriners that you or your Associates destroyed by overturning of Ships and Boats?

Temp. No; I never hurt any Ship, Bark, or Boat in my life.

H. Was it you or *Susan* that did bewitch the Children?

Temp. I sold Apples, and the Child took an Apple from me, and the Mother took the Apple from the Child; for the which I was very angry: but the Child died of the Small Pox.

H. Do you know one *Mr. Lutteril* about these parts, or any of your Confederates did you or them bewitch his Child? *Temp.* No.

H. Temperance, How did you come in to hurt Mrs. *Grace Thomas*? did you pass through the Key-hole of the Door, or was the Door open?

Temp. The Devil did lead me up Stairs, and the Door was open: and this is all the hurt I did.

H. How do you know it was the Devil?

Temp. I knew it by his Eyes?

H. Had you no Discourse or Treaty with him?

Temp. No; he said I should go along with him to destroy a woman, and I told him I would not: he said he would make me; and then the Devil beat me about the Head.

H. Why had you not called upon God?

Temp. He would not let me do it.

H. You say you never hurted Ships nor Boats; did you never ride over an Arm of the Sea on a Cow?

Temp. No, no, Master, 'twas she, *meaning* Susan.

When *Temperance* said 'twas *Susan*, she said she lied, and that she was the cause of her bringing to die: for she said when she was first brought to Goal, if that she was hanged, she would have me hanged too; she reported I should ride on a Cow before her, which I never did.

H. Susan, Did you see the shape of a Bullock? at the first time of your Examination you said it was like a short black man, about the length of you Arm. *Sus.* He was black, Sir.

H. Susan, Had you any knowledge of the bewitching of Mr. *Lutteril*'s Child, or did you know a place called *Trainon Burroughs*?

Sus. No.

H. Are you willing to have any Prayers?

Then Mr. *H.* prayed, whose Prayer we could not take; and they sung part of the 40 Psalm, at the desire of *Susanna Edwards*: As she

she mounted the Ladder; she said, *The Lord Jesus [illegible] though my sins be as red as Scarlet; the Lord Jesus can make them as white as Snow: The Lord help my Soul.* Then was executed.

Mary Trembles said, *Lord Jesus receive my Soul; Lord Jesus speed me*; and then was also executed.

Temperance Lloyd said, *Jesus Christ speed me well; Lord forgive all my sins; Lord Jesus Christ be merciful to my poor Soul.*

Mr. Sheriff. You are looks on as the woman that has debaucht the other two: Did you ever lie with Devils? *Temp.* No.

Sh. Did not you know of their coming to Door? *Temp.* No.

Sh. Have you any thing to say to satisfie the world?

Temp. I forgive them, as I desire the Lord Jesus Christ will forgive me. The greatest thing I did was to Mrs. *Grace Thomas*; and I desire I may be sensible of it, and that the Lord Jesus Christ may forgive me. The Devil met me in the street, and bid me kill her; and because I would not, he beat me about the head and back.

Mr. Sh. In what Shape or Colour was he?

Temp. In black, like a Bullock.

Sh. How do you know you did it? how went you in, through the Key-hole, or the Door? *Temp.* At the Door.

Sh. Had you no discourse with the Devil?

Temp. Never but this day six weeks.

Sh. You were charged about 12 years since, and did you never see the Devil but this time?

Temp. Yes, once before: I was going for Brooms, and he came to me and said, *This poor woman has a great burthen*; and would help ease me of my Burthen; and I said, *The Lord had enabled me to carry it so far, and I hope I shall be able to carry it further.*

Sh. Did the Devil never promise you any thing?

Temp. No, never.

Sh. Then you have served a very bad Master, who gave you nothing. Well, consider you are just departing this world: do you believe there is a God? *Temp.* Yes.

Sh. Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Temp. Yes; and I pray Jesus Christ to pardon all my sins. And so was Executed.

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